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DEVIL'S REIGN

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Years ago, teenager **MATT MURDOCK** was blinded after being exposed to radioactive waste. He lost his sight, but his remaining senses began to function with superhuman acuity and gifted him with an ability similar to echolocation. Dubbed his "radar sense," it grants him a unique perspective on the world as he tries to better it as the costumed vigilante called **DAREDEVIL**. Recently, the former assassin **ELEKTRA** has also taken on the Daredevil mantle.

WILSON FISK, the former Kingpin of Crime and current Mayor of New York, has made his move against his two oldest enemies and their allies by outlawing super hero vigilantism within the city limits. Fisk's deputized a new team of super-villainous Thunderbolts led by **U.S.AGENT** to maintain law and order alongside the NYPD.

The maniacal mayor has begun his endgame. Fisk has stolen the mind-controlling abilities of the **PURPLE MAN** to manipulate friend and foe alike, even using them on himself to remember that Matt Murdock is Daredevil! Now under Fisk's command and supercharged with the power of his own **PURPLE CHILDREN**, the Purple Man has unleashed the entire city against the few heroes making their desperate last stand.

Meanwhile, Fisk just paid a visit to Matt's twin brother, **MIKE**, believing him to be Daredevil, and has beaten Mike to a bloody pulp…

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KEEP AT 'EM, AVENGERS!

I CAN'T HOLD ALL THESE PURPLE-POWERED PEOPLE BACK FOREVER!

-bDEEP- Kirsten McDuffie.

NHH... KIRSTEN... A LITTLE BUSY--

HE'S DEAD!

FISK MURDERED MATT!

My brother. Fisk thought...

I JUST SAW HIM IN MATT'S APARTMENT, OH GOD--

Mike... no...this can't--

I'll kill him.

DAREDEVIL! ARE YOU THERE?!

RUN, KIRSTEN! GET TO THE *D.A.'S OFFICE!* TELL THEM WHAT YOU SAW!

I'll kill him.

DAMMIT, JOHN! THIS ISN'T *YOU!* NH!

HALF THESE GUYS ARE BEING *CONTROLLED!*

WHERE'D *HORNHEAD* RUN TO?!

MAN WITHOUT FEAR, MY *BUTT!*

IT'S NO *USE!* PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET *HURT!*

WE NEED TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES--

--TO SHUT *THE PURPLE MAN DOWN!*

IT'S A GOOD THING YOU'RE *HOME.* SOUNDS LIKE IT'S *WORLD WAR III* DOWN AT THE *LAB.*

LET'S *LOCKDOWN* AND--

WILSON!

WHAT THE #$@%?! ARE YOU--?

IT'S NOT *MY* BLOOD...

...IT'S *DAREDEVIL'S.*

IT'S OVER, *MARY.*

THE *WOLVES* ARE CLOSING IN.

DEET

WHAT ARE YOU--?

WE HAVE TO *GO.*

WE HAVE TO *FIGHT!* WE HAVE TO--

NO. WE DON'T NEED TO FIGHT. NOT ANY LONGER...

...ALL WE NEED IS EACH OTHER. EVERYTHING ELSE IS JUST *NOISE.*

I WAS A FOOL. I DON'T *NEED* THIS. ALL I NEED...

...IS YOU...

CROSSOVER

SKREE

KA KA KA

HRRRRR...

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE, FISK!* DO YOU HEAR ME?!

*SEE DAREDEVIL: WOMAN WITHOUT FEAR #3! --ED

I'M GOING TO... YOU'RE...

ELEKTRA, DON'T. WHEN FISK DIES TODAY...

...I'LL BE THE LAST THING HE SEES.

YOU... NO... WHY... ...WON'T... ...YOU...

...DIE?!

THE ONLY WAY I'M GOING IN THE GROUND...

...IS WITH MY *HANDS* AT YOUR *THROAT*, FISK!

HRRAHH!

DAMN YOU! YOU'RE AN OCTAVIUS, NOT A PUPPET OF FISK!

USE YOUR PERFECT MIND TO BREAK FREE, OTTO!

PERFECT MIND LIKE YOURS--

KR-KRSH

NHHH...

--AND YOU NEVER CONSIDERED INVENTING ARMOR?

HANG ON, GANG...

...THE CONVICT CAVALRY'S HERE!

NH! J-JUST IN *TIME!* A LITTLE *HELP* HERE?!

HNH! ON IT!

I'LL MAKE SURE NO ONE GETS *HURT*, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO SHUT THIS *DOWN!*

NGH! TR-TRYING--

G-GET...

...OUT OF...MY...

...WAY!

WHERE'S MY FATHER?!

WHERE'S THE PURPLE MAN?!

RAH!

KRSH

He killed my brother.

He killed my Michael.

How can I let him *live?*

How can--?

HK!

Sloppy. My anger's making me--

I WAS *HAPPY!*

I WAS *CONTENT!*

IT'S LIKE A #@$@% *VIRUS!*

THOSE DAMN COSTUMES! INFECTING YOUR BRAIN TO RUIN LIVES!

JUST BURN!

MARY WITH HER PARLOR TRICKS.

DON'T YOU KNOW...

...I WAS FORGED IN FIRE.

AND YOU HAD TO RUIN EVERYTHING!

ATTACKING MY MIND! MY MEMORIES!

NO...

...Michael... I'm sorry...

I WAS HAPPY!

TOOM

HAHA! THE ONE WHO GOT AWAY.

WHERE ARE THEY?!

YOUR PATHETIC BROTHERS AND SISTERS?

THEY'RE DEAD.

DEAD DEAD DEAD.

I HAVE THEIR POWER NOW, LITTLE JOSEPH...

...SO YOU CAN JUST DIE TOO.

NO!

HNN!

ONE WAY

THE PROBLEM WITH *YOU*, MARY...

KLANG

...IS THAT YOU *RELY* TOO MUCH ON *WEAPONS.*

I AM A *WEAPON.*

HNH!

KRAK

THEY CAN *PUT ME IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR* FOR ALL I CARE!

IF IT'S FOR *KILLING YOU*, I'LL *SMILE* ALL THE WAY TO HELL!

You *feel* it.

HNNHH...

The *energy*. Your *salvation.*

The *word* of God.

...T-TOO LATE, WILSON... YOU CAN JUST...

...STEP BACK.

NO.

I WANT YOU TO *SUFFER*, WILSON. FOR ALL YOUR *SINS*, I WANT YOU...

...TO THINK ABOUT ALL THE LIVES YOU'VE DESTROYED.

I--I... OH GOD...

DONE.

YOU... YOU...

He's *evil*.

He has to die.

K-KID, THIS'LL SLOW HIM D-DOWN...

TAK

NHH...

THROWING AWAY YOUR LIFE PRESERVER?

He has to die.

He has to die, because...

HOW BRAVE. HOW STUPID.

MR. CAGE, KILL MY SON.

...we kill monsters.

We slay Goliath.

TAXI

I-- I'LL S-STOP YOU...

IT'S A SIMPLE ORDER.

KILL THE BOY.

HNNNN--

Michael.

HRRRRRRR--

YOU KILLED THEM!

I--I CAN'T... I CAN'T DO THIS B-BY MYSELF!

I'm sorry, Mike.

DAREDEVIL.

I WON'T STOP YOU.

GOD KNOWS I'VE KILLED MEN WHO DESERVED IT LESS.

BUT YOU'RE NOT AN *ASSASSIN.*

"YOU'RE NOT A *KILLER IN THE SHADOWS.*"

YOU'RE AN *IDIOT* WHO DECIDED TO WEAR *THIS.*

WHO DECIDED TO BE A #$@% *SYMBOL.*

THE PEOPLE ARE WATCHING.

WHAT KIND OF *SYMBOL* DO YOU WANT TO BE?

WHAT KIND OF *MAN* DO YOU WANT TO BE?

Y-YOU'RE NOT ALONE...

ST...ST...

...STOP!

OH GOD, ELEKTRA...

...H-HE KILLED...

I KNOW...

...I KNOW, MY LOVE.

FOUND *THESE INHIBITING COLLARS* IN THE *THUNDERBOLT VANS.*

HEY! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!

HNN... TIME TO *CUT LOOSE,* I GUESS. I--

OH, YOU *DEFINITELY--*

--AREN'T GOING *ANYWHERE,* TASKMASTER.

NH!

KRTOK

LUKE!

OH MY GOD, ARE YOU--?

WE'RE... OKAY.

THIS LITTLE MAN WAS INCREDIBLY BRAVE.

-SNIFF- I--I JUST--

I... I...

JOE!

AND HE DESERVES A HAPPY ENDING.

OH MY GOD. THE HITS JUST KEEP *COMING.*

WILSON FISK WAS JUST *ARRESTED.* *DAREDEVIL* GOT HIM.

WOW...

...LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE RUNNING *UNOPPOSED,* MR. MAYOR.

THIS IS A BIG DEAL.

Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge
LOWER RDWY

ARRESTING A *SITTING* MAYOR.

HONESTLY, I'M HONORED TO BE A *PART* OF IT.

IS IT TRUE? YOU TRIED TO CONTROL EVERYONE IN THE CITY? JUST TO STAY MAYOR?

$#@%. IF YOU ASK ME...

...THAT'S JUST *SMALL* THINKING.

BUTCH.

HOLD TIGHT...

"...WE'RE ALMOST THERE."

WHAT IS--WHAT *IS* THIS?

OH, WILSON...

...QUITE A SPOT OF *TROUBLE* YOU GOT YOURSELF INTO.

JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T COME TO *QUINN* OR MYSELF FOR HELP.

LUCKILY, YOUR *SON* IS SMARTER THAN HIS DEAR OLD *DAD*.

WHAT IS SHE--?

THE *STROMWYNS* APPROACHED ME WITH A GREAT *DEAL*.

I CAN OPERATE WITH TOTAL *IMMUNITY* IN NEW YORK...

...AND ALL I HAVE TO DO IS INCREASE CRIME RATES IN AREAS THEY WANT TO BUY UP.

SEE? IT'S GOOD TO KNOW YOUR PLACE IN THE *ORDER* OF THINGS.

YOUR SON CAN *THRIVE* UNDER US.

AND AS FOR *YOU*...

...YOU'RE STILL *FUN* FOR US, WILSON.

WE PUT YOU IN THE *MAYOR'S SEAT*. WE CAN CLEAR UP THESE PESKY CHARGES QUITE EASILY.

AND AFTER *THAT*...

...WHAT DO YOU THINK?

FOR PRESIDENT

I DON'T...

YOU'D, OF COURSE, WORK FOR US. WE'D GUIDE YOU ON BORING POLICY STUFF.

BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE...

...THIS IS THE *DEAL.* YOU'LL BE PRESIDENT, WORK FOR UNA AND MYSELF...

...AND YOU'RE A *FREE MAN.*

WHILE NEITHER OF US ARE...FANS OF PEOPLE *TOUCHING* US, THIS FEELS TOO IMPORTANT, YES?

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU PICK A *PRESIDENT.*

WHAT DO YOU SAY, WILSON? SHAKE ON IT?

My life has been *successes...*

...and *failures.*

I let down my wife *Vanessa,* my son *Richard,* and now...

...to be *president.* Running a *country.*

How could Butch not look up to me with respect *then?*

Running the greatest country in the world.

I've made *mistakes...*

CONGRATS, MR. PREEEAAAHHHH!!

...I won't make another.

AHHHH!

AHH! HELP!

My son needs to know:

A Fisk bows to no man.

Do you *see*, boy?

Do you see that to live under the thumb of *one* is to live under the thumb of them *all?*

You don't make deals with the *Devil...*

...when you *are* the Devil.

WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?!*

YOU *KNOW* WHAT I'M DOING...

...'CAUSE *YOU'RE* DOING IT AS WELL.

YOU MAY CALL YOURSELF "BUTCH PHARRIS"...

...BUT YOU'RE A *FISK.*

YOU'RE A *FISK,* SON.

I WASN'T THERE FOR YOU. I CAN'T CHANGE THAT.

BUT I CAN BE THERE FOR YOU...

...NOW.

TELL THEM ALL. IN WHISPERS, THROUGH THE STREETS...

...*YOU KILLED ME.* I ATTACKED THE CITY, I MURDERED *MATT MURDOCK* AND YOU ROSE UP. YOU TOOK WHAT WAS YOURS:

THE CROWN.

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, THIS IS MY GIFT TO YOU, BOY. YOUR INHERITANCE:

"A STORY FOR A KING.

"A STORY TO MAKE A KINGPIN."

...MATT MURDOCK?

NO. OH GOD... I SHOULDN'T HAVE...

I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOU...

...MIKE...

...MIKE, NO...

ONE WEEK LATER.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

YOU'RE *READY?*

YEAH. I AM.

MATT MURDOCK IS *DEAD.* THE WORLD THINKS IT, SO...

...I HAVE NOTHING HERE.

IT'S BEEN A HORRIBLE ROAD. DEATH, PRISON. BUT I'M READY. READY TO THINK *BIGGER.*

NO MORE STREET FIGHTS. NO MORE FISK.

YOU WANTED ME TO JOIN YOU. TO START *THE FIST.*

TO TAKE DOWN *THE HAND.*

AND I'M READY.

BUT I HAVE IDEAS *BEYOND* THAT. TO SAVE THE WORLD.

FINALLY.

THE FIST HAS *CEREMONIES.* THINGS WE NEED TO--

I KNOW. AND I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY.

LET'S GO SAVE THE WORLD.

SIR, I...

IT'S ALL *OUTFITTED* FOR YOUR TRIP.

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T--

WESLEY, YOU'VE BEEN ***INVALUABLE.*** THANK YOU.

FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, I HOPE WE CROSS PATHS AGAIN.

I DON'T ***LIKE*** THIS.

WE COULD ***RULE*** THE CITY FROM THE ***SHADOWS,*** REBUILD AN ***EMPIRE--***

MARY, MY LOVE...

...TO WHAT ***END?***

THE WORLD HAS GIVEN ME A MESSAGE: THEY'VE TAKEN ***EVERYTHING*** AWAY...

...AND IT MEANS NOTHING. BECAUSE I HAVE ***YOU.***

#@$@% CHARMER.

WHERE ***TO,*** CAPTAIN?

THE WORLD'S ALL OURS, ***CAPTAIN.***

"LET'S GO FIND OUR ***HAPPINESS.***"

THE END.

DEARDEVIL

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AND THAT'S THAT! After six brutal and beautiful issues, DEVIL'S REIGN has reached its incredible conclusion, and thanks to Chip Zdarsky, Marco Checchetto, Marcio Menyz and VC's Clayton Cowles, DAREDEVIL and Marvel's New York will never be the same! The story in DEVIL'S REIGN has been literally years in the making, and to see it at last come to fruition in such a spectacular and special way is a testament to the incredible efforts of its entire creative team and to you readers out there in mighty Marveldom.

Chip and Marco's DAREDEVIL has been special from the very first issue, but it was after finally getting the printed copies of DAREDEVIL #19 AND #20 (the two-part "INFERNO" storyline, illustrated by guest artist Jorge Fornés) that the impact a DAREDEVIL story could have on the larger Marvel Universe was clear.

But a story is nothing without a good villain, and Chip, Marco and all their collaborators over this long run have done the hard work of restoring Wilson Fisk to his place as a proper symbol of corruption, violence and rage. But their take on Fisk has also been so nuanced and deliberate -- a calculated path they've led the character down, one escalation at a time. There was no other way the story of his time as mayor, the highest authority and ultimate seat of power in New York, could go. Like a cornered animal though, Fisk was finally allowed to bare his fangs and take a chunk of New York in DEVIL'S REIGN, particularly in this final issue. That's a wound that will take time to heal.

Luckily, the right man is on the job -- the newly deputized MAYOR LUKE CAGE, whose administration has quite a mess to clean up. That work is set to begin in DEVIL'S REIGN: OMEGA. In a story entitled "Fallen Son," Chip Zdarsky and his WOMAN WITHOUT FEAR (another INCREDIBLE series and a direct tie-in to the DEVIL'S REIGN saga that you MUST pick up, if you haven't already) collaborator, Rafael De Latorre reunite to set the stage for what's to come in the Marvel Universe, in the continuing DAREDEVIL saga, and other new surprises, including a preview of what the THUNDERBOLTS will look like under Luke Cage's watchful eye.

Of course, we have INCREDIBLE plans for Luke himself that we're beyond excited to share with you in the coming months. Watch this space, True Believers!

And in the meantime, tell your comic shop that you want the best, and the best is DAREDEVIL! In the wake of DEVIL'S REIGN, what will become of the Man and Woman Without Fear?

The only way to find out is to read every issue and not miss a single pulse-pounding page.

Stay sharp!

--Devin

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